



Information about Tony's Short Stop Tank Removal

From Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Program, Southwest Regional Office

Q: Why is there construction at Tony's Short Stop?

A: Property owner Tony Kim is replacing his old underground tank system with a new and modern system.

Q: Is Tony's Short Stop open for business and selling gas?

A: Yes, the mini-mart at Tony's Short Stop is currently open for business. In April, Tony's Short Stop expects to begin selling gas from the new underground tank system. There will be a short interruption in gas service while Tony's switches from the old tank system to the new system.

Q: What are the benefits of the new underground tank system?

A: The new underground tank system has a double-tank and double-piping design, called a secondary containment system. This design will greatly lower the possibility of leaks into the soil and groundwater. The inner tank will be protected by an outer tank, and the inner piping will be protected by outer piping. Leaks from the inner tank or piping will be easily contained and detected in the secondary containment system.

Q: Did the old tank system leak?

A: Samples of groundwater and soil located downhill (down gradient) from the old tank system have had petroleum byproducts in them. Recent pressure testing of the old storage tank system suggest the old system has not leaked; however, this test only meets the state requirements for operating an underground tank and are not totally reliable for detecting leaks.

Q: Has Ecology required Tony's Short Stop to replace the tanks?

A: Yes, Ecology has required Tony's to remove fuel from the old tank system and the tanks. This was needed because the old tanks did not have the required corrosion protection. Removal of the tanks may be part of the proposed Agreed Order being negotiated under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA, Chapter 70.105D RCW).

Q: Who can I contact for more information?

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Ecology's website for the Tony's Short Stop project contains information such as this information sheet. The website address is:

www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/tonys_shortstop/tonys_shortstop_hp.htm